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## Supreme Court Will Rule On Amish Case

By W. Barry Garrett  
WASHINGTON (BP) — A three-way issue involving educational rights and religious liberty will be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court early in 1972.

At stake are the questions:  
1. Do Amish parents have a right based on the free exercise of religion to withdraw their children from public school education after the eighth grade in conflict with the compulsory school attendance laws?

2. Does the state have such a compelling interest in the education of children that this overrides the free exercise of religion by Amish parents who take their children out of school beyond the eighth grade?

3. Do Amish children have educational rights for a full education through high school in spite of the religious views of their parents?

Such a case was argued before the U. S. Supreme Court on December 8.

On Oct. 23, 1968, the school district administrator of New Glarus District No. 1, Green County, Wis., filed criminal complaints against the parents of Freda Yoder, Barbara Miller and

Vernon Yutzy, two of whom are members of the Old Order Amish and the other a member of the Conservative Amish Mennonite Church.

The charges were that the parents had failed to cause their children to attend school (public or private) contrary to the requirements of the Wisconsin compulsory school attendance law.

The lower courts in Wisconsin convicted the parents, but the state Supreme Court reversed the decision on Jan. 8, 1971. The state high court ruled that Wisconsin had not shown such compelling interest in the education of the Amish as to deny the religious liberty of the parents. The State of Wisconsin appealed the case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

In the meantime the National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom was organized. William B. Bell, noted church-state attorney and a long-time advocate of state aid to parochial schools in Pennsylvania, was employed to defend the Amish parents.

The State of Wisconsin was represented by the state attorney.

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## SBC Agency Adopts Resolutions

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in annual session here, adopted a resolution encouraging "our fellow Southern Baptists and all other Christians to work faithfully and educate persistently for open hearts, open churches, open housing, and equal opportunities for all people."

The commission acknowledged "that our racial prejudices have not been wiped out, the complacency threatens to mute our witness, but that God is still working to lead us through our fears along the road toward racial justice and Christian brotherhood."

It was one of three resolutions adopted by the commission on recommendation of its promotion committee. Others urged support for legislation to help the plight of the aging, and encouraged Baptist efforts in citizenship to work for peace, justice and righteousness.

In other major actions, the commission adopted a budget for a nine-month 1972 period leading to a new fiscal year in September, discussed results of a survey on Southern Baptist attitudes toward freedoms guaranteed in the Bill of Rights, and requested program assignment transfers and exchanges with the SBC Home Mission Board concerning the areas of aging, social work, and drug abuse education.

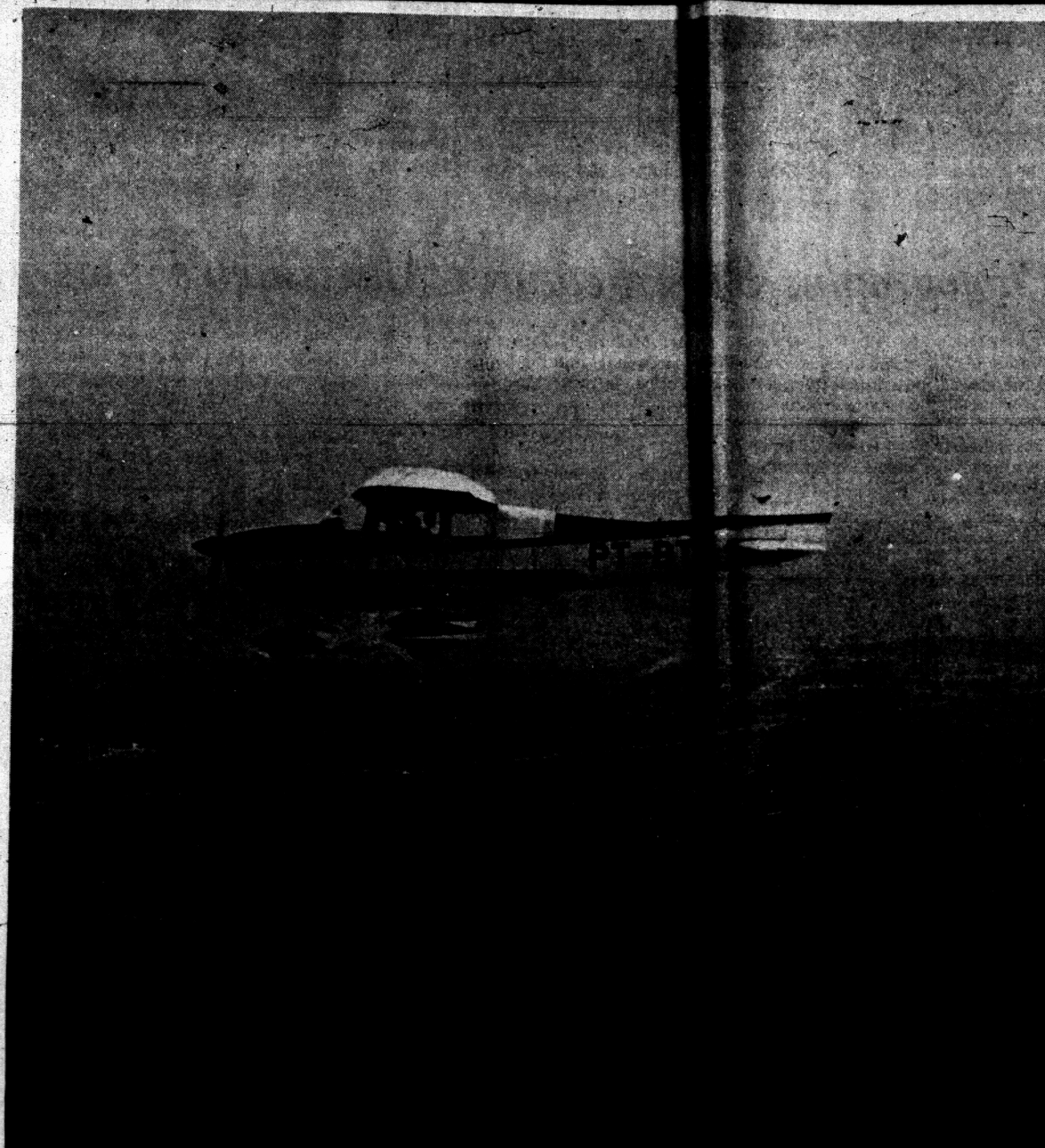
The resolution noted that equal justice under the law for racial minorities is often violated, and pledged the commission's efforts "to join love and justice in the continuing racial crisis."

The commission expressed gratitude for the progress which has been made on racial relationships in recent years among many Christian groups.

In a resolution on aging, the commission pledged urgent support of Baptist efforts to minister to the total needs of the aging, and support of national legislation to help provide adequate income and transportation, suitable housing and a substantially improved program of health care for the aging.

Debate Only Once

Only debate during the two-day



### This Missionary Plane Needs A Hangar—And You Can Help Through Lottie Moon Offering

AIR TRAVEL EXPANDS the where and when of missions in Brazil. In equatorial Brazil missionaries fly into the interior with the gospel. They need a hangar, and it may soon be built if the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering totals enough money.

## Court Hears Baptist Parking Lot Case

WASHINGTON (BP) — A case that could have a wide effect on tax exemption for churches has been argued before the U. S. Supreme Court and awaits a decision possibly early in 1972.

Two Florida taxpayers, Florence Diffenderfer and Nishan Paul, challenged the tax exemption allowed by Florida law on the parking lot of the Central Baptist Church, Miami.

Both a three-judge district court in Florida and the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the tax exemption for Central Baptist Church's parking lot is allowable under Florida law and the U. S. Constitution. The case was

which agreed in March of this year to hear the case. It was argued before the high court on December 6.

The parking lot owned by and adjacent to the Central Baptist Church of Miami is used for parking purposes for the church and its activities. In addition, during the week the church rents approximately 290 parking spaces to people coming into the surrounding business areas. The income derived from the parking lot is used by the church for religious and educational purposes.

The church has been involved in court cases since 1965 in attempts to place the parking lot on the tax rolls.

The Baptist parking lot case could become a landmark decision affecting a broad area of tax exemption for churches, or it could fade into insignificance, depending on the decision of the Supreme Court.

For instance, Diffenderfer and Paul contend that this is the case of a commercial parking lot owned and operated by the Central Baptist Church for profit. They further contend that

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## Cooperative Gifts Up 11.9% For Year

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first eleven months of this year, through November, totaled \$1,343,000.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is a gain of \$417,197, or 11.9 percent over the \$3,506,828 given the same period of 1970, Dr. Hudgins added.

Receipts for November totaled \$342,539, a loss of \$1,109 or 3 percent under the \$343,558 given in November of last year.

## HOTEL BAR IN SINGAPORE BECOMES A CHAPEL FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

SINGAPORE (BP)—The Equatorial Hotel's plush Hibiscus Lounge has become a Sunday morning chapel for the hotel's staff and guests. Southern Baptist Missionary Associate Lehman F. Webb led the first worship service from the polished bar where drinks had been served eight hours earlier.

Hotel guests from diverse nations—Russia, China, the United States, and others — were attracted by the gospel songs and remained to listen to the sermon. Webb, pastor of the International Baptist Church here, got permission from the hotel manager to hold services in the lounge, which was the only unoccupied room there on Sunday mornings.

The manager, an active Christian layman, told Webb, "You are an answer to prayer. I have been wanting such a service, and have considered starting one myself, but just can't find the time." The hotel management now places a special announcement of the services in their guests' folders. On Saturday as a poster encourages attendance.

## SBC Cooperative Program Gifts Up 5.75% For Year

NASHVILLE (BP) — An increase of 9.44 per cent in giving through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program unified budget during the month of November helped to boost contributions through the Cooperative Program to an increase of nearly \$1.5 million over gifts for the same 11 months period in 1970.

Mission gifts through the unified budget plan increased by 5.75 per cent for the period January-November, 1971, over the same period in 1970, according to a monthly financial statement prepared here by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Cooperative Program contributions for the 11-month period reached \$27.3 million in November, compared to \$25.8 million during the same period of 1970, the report indicated.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, said that if present giving rates continued during the month of December, the denomination would end the year with gifts exceeding the \$29.1 million operating budget, and paying about \$600,000 on the capital needs section of the budget.

This would leave the denomination about \$1.5 million short of the \$2 million needed for capital needs. The 1971 budget includes \$29.1 million in operating funds, \$932,927 in capital needs not paid in 1970, plus \$1,050,000 in capital needs budgeted for 1971.

Routh said that in order to pay the entire budget needs of \$31.1 million, Cooperative Program contributions must increase 11.48 per cent over the 1970 level of giving. For the first 11 months, the average increase was 5.75 per cent.

In addition to the \$27.3 million in Cooperative Program contributions, Southern Baptists have given \$23.5 million in designated gifts to specific mission causes during the first 11 months of the year.

Designated gifts were up nearly \$1.5 million, or 6.79 per cent, compared to the \$22 million in designations given during the first 11 months of 1970.

The combined Cooperative Program and designated gifts for the year surpassed the \$50 million mark, and

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## Has Helped Many Others To Retire

# Annuity Board President Will Retire Mar. 1

By Theo Sommerkamp  
DALLAS (BP) — The man who has helped thousands of Southern Baptist Convention pastors and church and denominational employees prepare for retirement will retire himself March 1, 1972.

R. Alton Reed, 65, president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board here, began helping Baptists face retirement in 1953 when the organization he heads was known as the Relief and Annuity Board.

"I'm a great believer in preparing people for retirement," he said.

How does it feel when applied personally? "Not only am I looking forward to my retirement, I am antici-

pating it with great joy," he replied.

During 1971, Reed has worked closely with Darold H. Morgan, a former Dallas pastor, who is expected to succeed him as president. They have adjacent offices. Morgan is the board's senior vice president.

Reed has prepared himself personally for what he calls "my new plateau in life." A native of Texas, he plans to continue to live in Dallas.

"My heart's in the pioneer mission field," Reed observed, referring to geographical areas of the nation where Southern Baptist work is comparatively new and small in numbers.

"I feel I can help some of these churches solve their problems in fi-

nance and business administration," he said.

The retiring Annuity Board president also wants to resume some of the role he shed when he left the pastorate in 1947 to become a Baptist denominational worker.

"I'm going to visit in hospitals and nursing homes, calling on persons who don't have anyone else to come to see them," he said.

The fourth executive head of the Annuity Board, Reed administered the agency while it gained a solid financial footing. The board has altered its retirement income as well as government Social Security and has begun to give annuitants a bonus payment.

In 1971, according to Reed, the extra payment to annuitants has been almost 25 per cent more than the amount required in their contracts.

This "thirteenth check," as it is often called, has been made possible by the financial security attained during Reed's administration, according to the board's historian.

Today the Annuity Board serves more than 18,000 pastors and church workers with retirement plan coverage. Nearly 16,000 other accounts were held for employees of Baptist conventions, hospitals, children's homes and other agencies.

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## One Day Conferences On Bible Planned For January, 1972

Nine One Day Bible Conferences on the "Biblical Basis For Christian Action" will be held in January, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Com-

The first of the series will be held at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, on January 6. Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor, Alta Woods Church, Jackson; Dr. Thomas J. Delaughter, Professor, Old Testament and Hebrew, New Orleans Baptist Seminary; and Dr. Joe H. Tuten, Pastor, Calvary Church, Jackson, will be the Bible expositors for this session.

Dr. Wm. W. Stevens, Chairman, Division of Religion, Mississippi College, will join the team at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, on January 10 and at First Church, Biloxi, on January 11.

Dr. Jerry Breazeale, Pastor, First Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana, will assist at First Church, Cleveland, on January 12, and at Mississippi College on January 13.

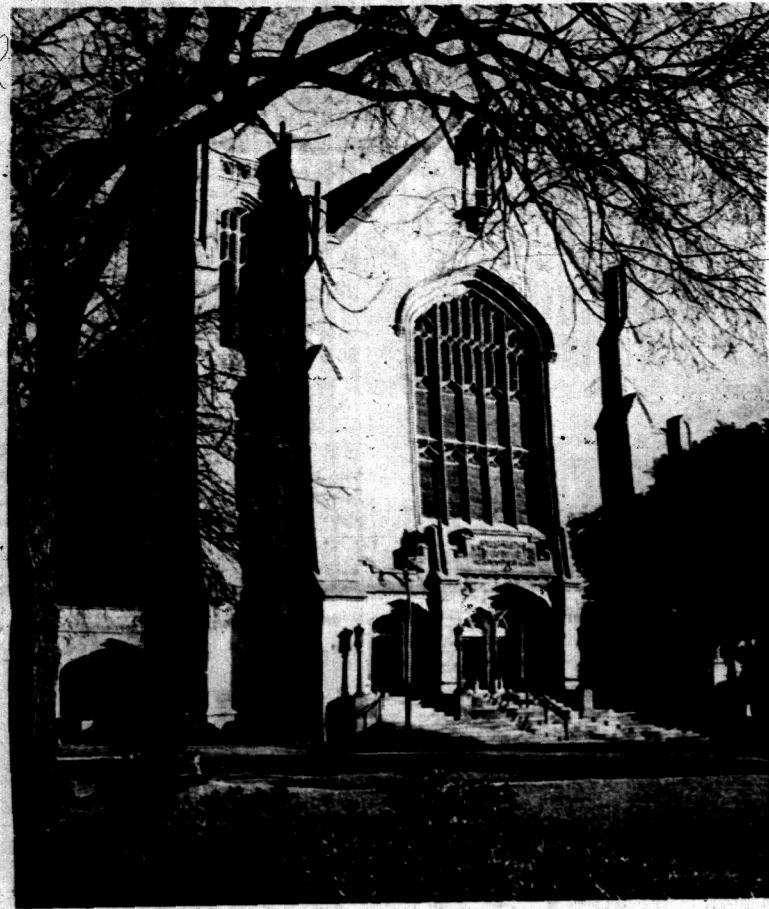
The conferences will begin at 9:00 a. m. and adjourn at 3:40 p. m. Among the subjects to be treated are "The Bible Speaks on the Family," "On Ecology," "On The Poor," "On Work and Leisure," "On Citizenship and Authority," and "Ethics in The Book Of Job."

"The Bible expositors should inform and inspire both laymen and pastors," Dr. Hensley stated.





Carl McIntire (left), Sunday editor of the Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News, and Bob V. Moulder, director of public information at Mississippi State University, have published an 84-page photographic book on the historic churches of Mississippi called "SHRINES TO TOMORROW". McIntire and Moulder look over some of the many photographs featured in the book.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JACKSON has developed in 135 years into the oldest of Mississippi. Started in 1836, the church has had three buildings in different locations. The present sanctuary, above, was built in 1926-27.



EBENEZER near Centerville claims to be the oldest Baptist church in Mississippi—a claim also made by the Woodville Baptist Church. Woodville dates its beginnings to 1798, but both place names have been changed. Ebenezer was organized on May 9, 1806, under that name, and has remained at the same location.



OLD CANAAN CHOCTAW BAPTIST CHURCH is in the eastern edge of Leake County, about five miles north of Edinburg. It is the original building and has been used continuously since the founding in about 1890.

## Photographic Study Features Mississippi's Magnificent Churches

"SHRINES TO TOMORROW," an 84-page photographic study of over 100 of the state's most imposing and most historic churches, is one of the most beautiful—and probably the most comprehensive—books ever to be published on historic churches of Mississippi.

Covering most denominations and architectural styles from the antebellum country by-ways to tremendous brick and stone and steel buildings which dominate a city landscape, "SHRINES TO TOMORROW" is not only a study of church buildings but also a study of Mississippians' undying faith.

"SHRINES TO TOMORROW" features approximately 120 magnificent photographs by Bob V. Moulder, director of public information at Mississippi State University, copy by Carl McIntire, Sunday editor of the Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News, with an introduction by Dr. John K. Bettersworth, vice president for academic affairs at Mississippi State University and one of Mississippi's most eminent historians.

Certainly, none of these men are strangers to the Mississippi reader. Bob Moulder's book "SHRINES TO YESTERDAY" (\$1.98)—which features antebellum homes from throughout the State of Mississippi—has already gone into its 5th printing, and his second book "SHRINES TO VALOR" (\$1.25), a photographic study of the Vicksburg National Military Park and the great battle which gave it its name, is a favorite of Civil War history buffs.

Carl McIntire's columns and historical feature stories in the Sunday edition of the Clarion Ledger-Jackson Daily News are eagerly read by Mississippians each week. His vivid accounts of past events, written in an easy-to-read style brings the past immediately to the hearts and minds of today's reader.

The photographer's grandfather, Dan Moulder, his maternal grandfather, H. F. Husbands, and his maternal great-grandfather, L. J. Caughman, were all Baptist pastors, and were all at various times

Mr. McIntire's father was a Baptist preacher, and his brother, Russell McIntire, is also a Baptist pastor.

"SHRINES TO TOMORROW" begins on the Mississippi Gulf Coast where Bob Moulder's camera recorded all the churches from Bay St. Louis to Ocean Springs only days before Hurricane Camille destroyed so many of that area's most beautiful houses of worship.

The book then transports the reader to the Natchez area where most of the "First Churches" of each denomination are located.

The thirty Baptist churches pic-

tured include: Old Canaan Choctaw (Leake); First, Jackson; First, Clinton; First, Columbus; Damascus near Hazlehurst; Old Antioch at Gitano; Carrollton Church; First, Greenwood; Fellowship Church, Lorman; Province Chapel at Mississippi College (which housed the Clinton Baptist Church before 1923); Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville; First, West Point; First, Biloxi; First, Natchez; First, Meridian; First, Clarksdale; Bethesda Church near Learned; Ebenezer near Centerville; First, Macon; Woodville Church; Parkway, Jackson; First, Port Gibson; White Oak between

Puckett and Raleigh; Calvary, Jackson; Loxish Church in Pontotoc County; First, Holly Springs; First, Starkville; Broadmoor, Jackson; Palestine Church, Hinds County.

From Jackson to Shubuta, from Greenville to Iuka, from Columbus to Centerville, and from Meridian to Waynesboro, and to many more towns, cities and out-of-the-way spots throughout Mississippi's countryside, this beautiful book tells its story of buildings, of people, and of Faith.

"SHRINES TO TOMORROW," which sells for \$3.50 may be obtained by writing Bob Moulder, Box 605, Starkville, Miss. 39759.

## Court Hears Parking Lot Case

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the use to which the profits are put is of no significance in deciding the tax status of the property.

The question that arises, according to Diffenderfer and Paul, is this: "Do the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution forbid governmental tax exemption to extend to church-owned commercial enterprises?"

On the other hand, the Central Church denies that its parking lot is a commercial enterprise and holds that the questions raised by the appellants are not the proper questions to be considered by the Supreme Court.

The church claims that the property involved is a parking area that is both contiguous with the church and is a functional, physical, essential and necessary part of the overall facilities of the church.

The questions that the court should decide, according to the church, are: May a state include churches on an equal footing with other charitable nonprofit organizations for tax exemption purposes, and may a state exempt from taxation property owned by such organizations if it is indispensable and used every day for their exempt purposes and that is partially

The case is further complicated by the repeal of the Florida law under which the case originally arose and the enactment of new legislation that affects tax-exempt property.

The attorney general of the state of Florida filed a suggestion with the Supreme Court in this case in which he stated that a decision by the court would be "substantially inapplicable to the future administration of the Florida law in this area."

The attorney general further said that a decision by the Supreme Court would be "without practical effect" because Florida law prohibits the collection of back assessments in a case should be ruled moot.

A number of interesting "twists" have developed in the Baptist parking lot case. Originally, its significance did not extend beyond the bounds of a local tax case. But when it was accepted by the U. S. Supreme Court, Florence Diffenderfer employed Leo Pfeffer, the renowned church-state attorney from New York in addition to Howard J. Hollander, a Miami lawyer.

On the other hand, Attorney Herbert S. Sawyer, who represents the Central Baptist Church, asked Charles M. Whelan to assist him in defending the church before the Su-

Catholic public-affairs publication. He is also a professor at Fordham Law School and a specialist in church-state matters. So far as is known, this is the first time a Catholic priest orally has argued a case before the Supreme Court. It is interesting that he defended a Baptist church.

In addition, Americans United for Separation of Church and State filed an amicus brief against the position taken by the Central Baptist Church. The Central Church is a member of Americans United, and its pastor, Conrad Willard, is a long-time supporter of the organization.

In spite of its connection with the church, Americans United took the position, advocated by Diffenderfer and Paul against the church. It takes the position that commercial enterprises owned by churches should not be tax exempt.

Other income producing activities of churches that might be affected by a ruling of the Supreme Court that the Central Baptist parking lot should be taxed could include passive income, income, such as dividends, interest, etc., income from picnics, dinners, dances, bazaars, pew rents and seat offerings.

Father Whelan is one of the editors of America Magazine, a National Catholic publication. He is also a professor at Fordham Law School and a specialist in church-state matters. So far as is known, this is the first time a Catholic priest orally has argued a case before the Supreme Court. It is interesting that he defended a Baptist church.

## Baptist Caucus Plans For Consultation On Aging

By Beth Hayworth

WASHINGTON (BP) — Fourteen Baptists representing the American and Southern Baptist Conventions met for dinner during the White House Conference on Aging and agreed to plan a joint conference to bring together workers in the two conventions who have special concerns for the aging.

At the suggestion of Don Crosby, a staff member of the Social Action Division of the Home Mission Society of the American Baptist Convention, a strategy session to make plans will be held in early 1972. Paul R. Adkins, secretary of the department of Christian social ministries of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will help coordinate the plans.

At the dinner, presided over by W. L. Howse III of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, the Baptist participants in the White House Conference on Aging shared reactions to the five-day meeting and their hopes for expanded church ministries in the field of aging.

The responsibility of religious groups to change attitudes toward elderly persons both in and out of the churches was a special concern.

"Our attitude about aging is terrible," declared Leonard Hill, managing editor of the Baptist Program, a publication of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville.

"We are guilty of the sin of omission concerning the elderly," said John Boskas of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas. Boskas, suggesting that Baptists start referring to the aging as those from 40 and up, urged that denominations and churches plan extensive "pre-retirement advising" for persons in this age group.

Miss Violet Rudd, executive director of American Baptist Women, regretted that churches do not have more varied programs for aging persons. "We have an excellent variety of programs from birth to 20 years," Miss Rudd pointed out. "But from 20 years on it is the same in most churches."

"We need to develop pastors and people with a better attitude toward death," suggested William P. Harris, administrator of the Baptist Home in the District of Columbia and an officer in both the ABC and SBC associations of managers of homes for the aged. Harris expressed concern also that Baptist homes provide more community services for aging persons.

"Churches must do everything possible to help individuals maintain their own household in the community," Harris urged. He pointed out that local churches need a "vigorous, aggressive program of giving information" and should provide counseling services to the aging on available community services.

Harris further urged that Baptists change their concept on homes for the aged from thinking that such places are "terminal" to accepting them as "rehabilitative."

Adkins, a specialist in the field who has taught a number of courses in the subject of gerontology, discussed the charge that many clergymen lack healthy attitudes toward elderly persons. He pointed out that a basic characteristic of elderly persons is loneliness. "We don't want to deal with this, so we reject it and them," Adkins observed.

Adkins suggested that Southern Baptists need "an active aggressive program" to recruit young persons to careers in the field of aging.

Miss Adelle Carlson, a consultant in the adult section of the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Charles Oehring, a curriculum writer for the American Baptist Convention, agreed that more materials should be developed especially for and about the elderly. Such curricula could help change attitudes, they stated.

A number of Southern Baptist participants in the White House meeting expressed frustration over the lack of the involvement of pastors and leadership from the denomination.

Rudy Sanchez, pastor of the First Mexican Baptist Church of Dallas, said he especially regretted that pastors were not informed of the meeting and were not present at the conference. He suggested that the denomination's Home Mission Board and the Christian Life Commission get information to pastors about future meetings of this sort.

Archie Ellis, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, S. C., and now director of the South Carolina Department of Public Welfare, suggested that pastors and denominational leaders must get involved on the local and state level in the commissions on aging. This is where the planning is being done, and this is where Baptist input can be made, Ellis explained.

One state executive secretary,

Searcy S. Garrison of the Georgia Baptist Convention, attended the White House Conference as an appointee of the governor of that state. Garrison has been active in the Georgia Commission on Aging and participated in state meetings preparing for the national conference, which brought 3,500 delegates to the nation's capital.

Garrison described "agism" (a new word coined at the conference) as "a social problem of serious proportions." He praised the national conference as "a wholesome meeting" and said he expected "constructive legislation and creative programs of service to follow" from religious bodies, churches, private agencies and the government.

## First, Columbia, Presents Pageant, "Christmas Around The World"

The entire music ministry of First Church, Columbia joined together on December 12 to present Christmas Around the World in song, spoken word, decoration, and multiple visual aids. The 250 choir members sang the carols of fourteen countries, and the narrator, Donald Leake, shared the peculiar customs of each country. David Bourne, projectionist, spotlighted scenic pictures of these countries throughout the presentation.

In the processional, ten choral groups circled the congregation and sang "Listen, Listen, Christmas is in the Air" and "Let the Song Go 'Round the Earth." Then the church joined in the opening ceremonies with the joyous carol, "Joy to the World." The tour of the globe followed with the

Glee Club, Pre-School music group, Solid Rock, Adult Choir, Men's Quartet, Senior Sound, Jerry Aultman, on solo, First, Second, and Third Grade Choirs, and the Freshman Sound. The climax was the unison sound of "Silent Night" to the guitar and "The Light of the World is Jesus" as the choir encompassed the church in candlelight.

Billy Jack Green is music director; Dr. Howard H. Aultman is pastor.

PARAGUAY: A new Baptist church in Asuncion brings to six the number organized in this South American country in 1971 — a 50 per cent increase over the number established during the preceding 25 years of Southern Baptist missionary witness here.

## Hermanville Church Destroyed By Fire

The Baptist church in Hermanville in Union Association was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday night, Dec. 7.

Some furniture was saved, however, according to the interim pastor, Rev. Ken Marler, student at Mississippi College.

Mr. Marler said that the church, organized in 1898, had been repaired during the past few years, both inside and outside, and that four new educational rooms had been added.

Mr. Marler also said that the origin of the fire was unknown. It started in the rear of the structure, he added.



Dave Smith



Mary Mauldin



Bill Landers

## Three In One Trio To Sing At Youth Convention

The Three In One Trio, Mary Mauldin, Dave Smith, and Bill Landers, of Houston, Texas, will sing at the Mississippi Baptist State Youth Convention in Jackson, December 27 and 28. Morning and afternoon sessions will

be at First Church, Jackson. Night meetings will be at the City Auditorium. The convention is sponsored jointly by the Church Training and Church Music Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



# Supreme Court Will Rule On Amish Case

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sented before the Supreme Court by Assistant Attorney General John W. Calhoun.

Before the case was heard, five national religious organizations filed amicus briefs with the Supreme Court in behalf of the Amish. They were the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Synagogue Council of America and the American Jewish Congress, National Jewish Commission of Law and Public Affairs, the National Council of Churches and the Mennonite Central Committee.

The State of Wisconsin argued that the nation has a compelling interest in the education of its youth and that this justifies the compulsory school attendance laws, attendance to be either in public schools or in private or parochial schools.

Attorney Calhoun further argued that the decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ignored the substantive right of children to an education

which was denied by upholding the Amish parents.

On the other hand, Attorney Ball argued that the Amish people do provide an education for their youth after the eighth grade, even though it is not in formal schools. The Amish teach their children to adhere to agriculture as a way of life. They reject the advances of modern civilization.

Ball pointed out that the Amish people teach their children so well that there is no juvenile delinquency, that they never have problems with civil disturbance and that they are law abiding citizens.

Furthermore, he said the Amish take care of their own people, that none of them are on public welfare, that they care for the aging as well as for the young.

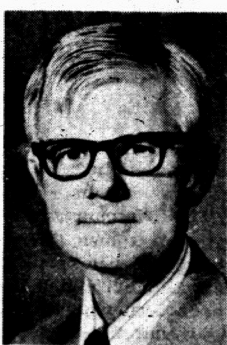
Ball challenged the Supreme Court that if they ruled against the Amish parents it would virtually spell the end of the Amish society in the United States. He did not specify whether this meant a destruction of the Amish as a religion, or that the Amish would migrate to another country where their religious beliefs would be respected.

Ball further charged before the court that the reason for the prosecution of the Amish parents was not primarily to demonstrate the State of Wisconsin's compelling interest in education but to make possible the collection of state aid for the public schools in the county where the Amish live. This, of course, was denied by Calhoun for the State of Wisconsin.

Calhoun argued that if the Supreme Court upheld the Wisconsin decision it would establish a new national precedent for "conscientious objection" to education by a broad spectrum of persons who object for various reasons to the public schools.

## Mississippi College Appoints Director Of Church Relations

Mississippi College has announced the enlargement of its Development Office staff with the appointment of



Rev. Robert E. Wall to the newly created position of Director of Church Relations. Mr. Wall will be working with the churches of the state to better interpret Mississippi College to the churches and to Mississippi Baptists.

A primary tool which will be used in this particular ministry will be programs that have been produced by Mr. Wall. Using four projectors, stereophonic sound and some unusual techniques developed by him, the programs are unique and have won several awards.

One program, a patriotic message, has been presented over 400 times to audiences totalling over a quarter million people. It has received the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge and a special commendation medal from the Montana National Guard.

Mr. Wall will also plan and direct workshops and institutes for pastors, laymen and other church workers. He will maintain a program of com-

## SBC Restructure

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and modification of these assignments.

"We are also conscious that there is much interaction among our boards and agencies and that there must be a study of the entire structure if we are to look realistically at one agency," the committee said at that time.

The Executive Committee voted to approve the committee's request "to study the entire Southern Baptist Convention structure with the privilege of making recommendations to change or modify these assignments."

The only recommendation made so far by the committee was to modify the purpose of the Baptist Program magazine, and to assign it to the administration section of the SBC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee delayed until February a decision on the proposal.

released publicly any information yet on what proposals concerning restructure it is considering.

## SBC Cooperative

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exceeded in 11 months what Southern Baptists gave in combined world missions contributions for the entire year of 1970.

During 11 months of 1971, the combined Cooperative Program and designated gifts totalled \$50.9 million. During 12 months of 1970, the total was \$50.2 million, an increase of \$500,000.

Of the \$50.9 million total, \$31.6 million has been distributed to support the work of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and \$10.7 million has gone to support Home Mission Board programs in the USA. Financial support is also provided to six Southern Baptist seminaries, and 15 other Baptist causes, organizations and agencies.

munications between the college and the churches of the state and will represent the college at various denominational meetings.

A native of Brookhaven, he graduated from Brookhaven High School and then entered the Army, serving for a year in Europe.

He entered Mississippi College in 1946 as a business administration major, but dropped out after three years to enter business with his father and twin brother in Brookhaven.

In 1954 he surrendered to the ministry and returned to Mississippi College, graduating in 1955. He went on to Southwestern Seminary, receiving the bachelor of divinity degree in 1958.

He accepted the pastorate of the Easthaven Church in Brookhaven following his graduation from the seminary and served there until June of 1962. He resigned that pastorate to go to Kalispell, Mont., to engage in Pioneer Mission work. He began the Easthaven Church of Kalispell and served as its pastor until joining the Mississippi College staff.

He is married to the former Elaine Burgess of Brookhaven and they are the parents of two children, Bruce, 11, and Amy, 8.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins has been executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, since February 10, 1969. He is pictured above right in his office in the Executive Suite, on the second floor of the Baptist Building. Numerous pastors, as well as Baptist church members, visit Dr. Hudgins' office. They may seek advice, counsel, on information, or they may just stop by for a friendly conversation. Above left, with Dr. Hudgins, is Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of Ridgecrest Church, Jackson.



Mrs. Mary Lib Clayburn, office secretary, Executive Department, has served Mississippi Baptists since April 22, 1965.



Mrs. Estsen Quinn, office secretary, Executive Department, has been employed by the Convention Board since January 7, 1964.

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# The Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is in charge of the general promotional direction of the entire range of denominational efforts in the state. He has supervision over all departments of the Convention Board and other phases of state mission work in which the Convention Board actively participates.

He has the grave, yet joyous, responsibility of helping to main-

tain among the churches an adequate concept of Mississippi Baptists' mission responsibilities throughout the whole world.

As treasurer, he is responsible for promotion of maximum response from the churches in mission giving and in the maintaining of the Convention's fiscal integrity.

Dr. Hudgins says, "This office will try to make itself available to all of our pastors and churches for whatever counsel or help

might be needed in any particular situation."

He adds, "One of the privileges of this office is to try to create and maintain a sense of fellowship and spiritual enthusiasm with the pastors and churches in their associational organizations."

It is his desire to be able, whenever called on, to speak or preach in any or all of the churches of the state. (In addition to his many speaking engagements in the churches and at conventions, clinics, colleges, etc., he conducts the chapel service each Friday morning for Baptist Building employees.)

In times of emergency, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, or other disasters, he tries to be alert to provide help in churches where help is needed.

Office secretaries, Mrs. Clayburn and Mrs. Quinn, work with Dr. Hudgins. In addition to other responsibilities, they gather data from various institutions and departments for the convention's annual Book of Reports; collect and compile material for the Convention Annual (except statistical material that is furnished by the bookkeepers); compile and mail the annual Mississippi Baptist Diary; work out the state Baptist Calendar of Activities for wall calendars; handle details of hospital and life insurance for Baptist Building employees; keep an up-to-date list of pastors and Board members and aid in the voluminous correspondence with these. Each fall, they work with the Order of Business Committee concerning the printing of programs for the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



LOOKING OVER RECORDS of gifts to the Cooperative Program are from left: A. L. Nelson, Convention Board business manager and comptroller; Mrs. Doris Hart, accounts payable clerk; Mrs. Clyde E. Nettles, assistant to the business manager; and Dr. Hudgins.



Through missions clinics, and in many other ways, the executive secretary seeks to keep Mississippi Baptists aware of their world missions responsibilities.



Dr. Hudgins, along with many of the Convention Board department directors and associates, were present this fall at the meeting of the Riverside Baptist Association to offer information concerning the

state mission program and to share in the fellowship with pastors and church members.



North and south, east and west, in little churches and in big churches, Dr. Hudgins has preached all over the state. Above, he is shown at Mathiston with the pastor, Rev. Cecil Clegg, and Rev. James Drane, missionary for Zion Association.



Convention Board furnished chapel trailers as temporary places of worship for several churches either destroyed or heavily damaged. Above are Dr. Hudgins and Clyde Williams, Baptist Building maintenance superintendent.



REED SETS RETIREMENT—An Air-stream trailer will be a retirement companion of R. Alton Reed of Dallas, who steps down, March 1, as president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He and Mrs. Reed have used the trailer from time to time as he drove to meet speaking engagements for the Annuity Board. Reed is interested during retirement in counseling churches in pioneer mission areas on matters of finance and business administration. (BP Photo by John Blossas)

## Clarke College Accreditation Re-Affirmed

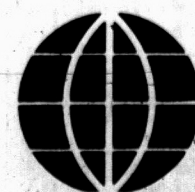
The accreditation of Clarke College was re-affirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools at its annual meeting at Miami Beach, December 1. The recent Self-Study of the College was accepted as complete and the full accreditation of the College was re-affirmed by the College Department Assembly upon the recommendation of the Committee on Standards and Reports and the Association's Commission on Colleges.

This regional accrediting agency, consisting of member schools from eleven Southern states requires each of its member institutions to conduct an institutional Self-Study at approximately ten year intervals.

Sure, I have my gimmicks. I wear a red tie. The red tie may excite a comment, but if what the red tie is wrapped around doesn't create concern and compassion toward our God, and holy motivation, this person will not return. So what is in a red tie is important. A satisfied customer is still the very best gimmick. — (Bob Harrington in *Motivating Men For the Master* by Broadman Press).

Self-Study is reviewed by various committees including special committees which visit the campus to study the program and to make such recommendations for improvement as may occur to them. The Self-Study and the follow-up serve to assure that the institution is not only meeting the standards of the Association but also continually improving its program to keep up with the times.

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# The Baptist Record

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## EDITORIAL

### ---From The Editor's Notebook

#### Dr. Chester L. Quarles' Last Text

Last week Dr. Bryan Brasington, missionary to Peru, spoke at the prayer meeting at First Baptist Church, Jackson. In the course of his message he told of being with Dr. Chester Quarles in Lima, Peru, on the day and night before his flight to Cuzco, where his death occurred during the following night.

On that last night in Lima, Dr. Quarles spoke at the English Language Church in Lima. Dr. Brasington said that he used as a text, Luke 9:62 "And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Dr. Brasington said that he asked, "What kind of a furrow are you ploughing?"

It is most fitting that a man who ploughed such a straight furrow through his entire ministry, should bring his last message on this text and theme.

And all of us, who knew him, loved him and admired him, might do well to ask that last question of his of ourselves: "What kind of a furrow am I ploughing for the Lord?"

We are certain, however, that this was not Dr. Quarles' last Christian witness. We know that the next afternoon and evening in the city of Cuzco, he spent the time with a guide who drove him around the city, and then, because of the bitter cold, spent some time with him at the hotel. We can be practically certain that Dr. Quarles talked to this man about the Lord, during those hours together.

Dr. Quarles never turned back, and he never quit ploughing a straight furrow.

Dr. Quarles, but it well could be. We can be sure that as he toured the city on the last afternoon of his life, he envisioned the need for Southern Baptist witness there.

Mississippi Baptists will want to give to the Lottie Moon Offering even more generously, because they know that part of the money will open the way for missionaries to be assigned to a city which has become something of a sacred spot to them because of the death of their leader and friend there.

#### Master Debater

Master Debater: Editor John Hurt, in a superb report of the 81-minute debate in the Texas Convention on government grants and loans for Baptist hospitals, wrote in *The Baptist Standard*: "E. S. James, editor emeritus of *The Standard*, probably did the best job in communicating with the crowd. James had the crowd roaring, referring to himself as an old preacher who:

"Feels some IRRITATION when there is an IMPLICATION that the people in his CLASSIFICATION have become such an OBLIGATION that brethren suggest ABDICATION from the principle of SEPARATION which has long been the FOUNDATION of the Baptist PROCLAMATION that no DENOMINATION should depend on TAXATION for its SUSTENTATION. Therefore, I feel no HESITATION in opposing the RECOMMENDATION of the special committee and Executive Board that Texas Baptists should enhance the OPERATION of Baptist hospitals with government grants and loans." The vote: 1,466 against and 724 for the recommendation. — Louie D. Newton in *Christian Index* (Ga.)

"Lord, don't you remember back in the nineteenth century, that German philosopher Nietzsche?" The Lord says, "Oh, yes! What ever happened to him?" Gabriel replies, "Well, Lord, he's out here on the west wall of the city. He has just finished writing 'I was wrong' three billion times!" The Lord said, "Exactly, Gabe! Exactly what are they saying about me?" Gabriel says, "Well, Lord, they are saying that your primordial totality has metamorphosed into the epiphany of immanence!" The Lord says, "Gabriel, what does that mean?" He says, "Lord, would you believe ALL theologians?" He said, "No, I wouldn't believe that!" He said, "Lord, would you believe three or four young Turks?" God said, "Gabe, what's a young Turk?" Gabriel says, "Lord, a young Turk is a theologian who is paid by the church to teach the opposite of what the church believes." The Lord moves off the stage, wagging His head, saying, "Gabriel, you've got to be kidding!" — Messages — Florida Baptist Evangelism Conference 1969 (page 21)

#### Pollsters And Their Polls

What does it prove that 31 per cent of Baptist pastors believe only in Southern Baptist baptism; 52 per cent in any kind of Baptist baptism; and 20 per cent believe in immersion by any denomination? This situation indicates at least two things time.

First, it is obvious that Baptists are confused on the New Testament doctrine of baptism.

Second, to me it indicates that Baptist preachers and teachers have done a poor job of teaching the doctrine.

That many of the preachers and teachers have been taught what they are now teaching is beside the point. The statement still stands that a poor job of teaching has been done.

Jesus not only said, "Take heed how ye hear," but He also said, "Take heed what ye hear." It boils down to the individual — individual accountability before God. Jesus also said, "If any man wills to do My will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or man."

Why not spend the time preaching and teaching what the New Testament says about baptism rather than adding to the confusion by taking more polls, which prove only that people are confused and haven't been taught! — O. C. M. in *Mid-Continent Baptist Herald*.

#### THE BAPTIST FORUM

##### From Inverness

Dear Friends: The tornado which struck Inverness on February 21, 1971, destroying our church and pastory, along with approximately ninety per cent of our town, brought forth a generous response from many people in Mississippi.

On behalf of the members of First Baptist Church of Inverness, I express appreciation for every gift given, every helping hand extended us following the disaster, and every prayer offered on our behalf since that day.

Since it is impossible to thank everyone in person, we use this means to convey our gratitude.

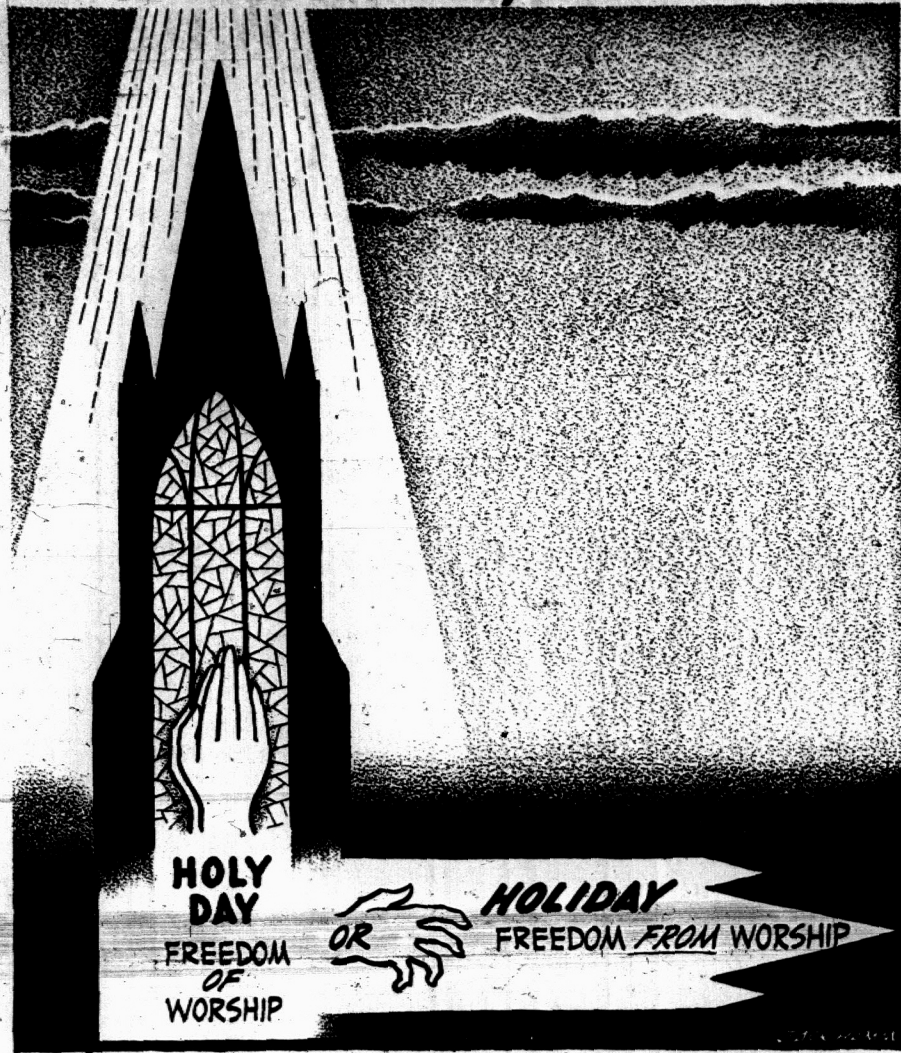
John R. Cobb, Pastor  
First Baptist Church  
Inverness, Mississippi

##### On The MORAL SCENE...

The president of the country's largest mutual fund manager says his company will not knowingly invest in corporations that flout efforts to halt pollution. Hamer H. Budge, president of Investors Diversified Services, Minneapolis, said the six "IDS Group" of mutual funds, with assets of \$6.6 billion, decided that corporations that ignore the law and the demands of society to reduce pollution won't be good investments in the long run. The boards of the six funds adopted this position as formal policy recently. Budge explained, "We believe that companies that persist in practices that are destructive of the environment cannot be considered well-managed, nor are they likely to remain profitable. It is our feeling that it is the obligation of a company to conduct itself as a good citizen and that there is really no basic conflict between a corporation's social responsibility and its long-term profitability." — (Chicago Daily News, 11-18-71)

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U. S. Office of Education said recently that inattention to the special educational needs of two million gifted and talented children, many of them black and poor, is a "tragic waste of human potential. Many of these versatile and complex young people are performing far below their aptitude and are among the most neglected of persons with special needs, particularly if they come from minority or disadvantaged groups," the agency said in a report to Congress. The report said: "Gifted and talented children, are, in fact, deprived and can suffer psychological damage and permanent impairment of their abilities to function well." Their education has "a very

#### What of one day in seven?



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#### Do You Really Care?

By Dr. Charles Myers, Pastor  
Alta Woods, Jackson

There are some experiences a person has that cause him to search his soul. He may not want to do this, but the experience forces him to. Some time ago I had such an experience. A family in our community had some troubles. There had been some financial losses, some personal problems and a general run of hard luck. The family was brought to my attention and I went to see them. I represented a church that could help them financially. I represented men who could provide employment. I had had some experience in counseling and could help with some of the family problems. I could listen to whatever complaints the family might have. They were not members of our church, so I was not obligated to go. I went because I wanted to help.

When I arrived at the home, the mother came to the door and I introduced myself. I was not invited in. Standing on the porch, I explained my interest in the family and my desire to help in whatever way I could. The woman listened to my offer. When I had finished she looked at me for a while with a look that said, "You don't really care?" I was stunned. My first reaction was one of anger. I wanted to say, "Why do you think I'm here? If that's the way you feel, just forget it and stay like you are." My second reaction was to try to explain that I did care. My third reaction was just to walk away without saying anything. I'm not sure what I did say, but I never broke the barrier between us. I finally turned and left.

I guess I should have been a little provoked with the woman. After all, I really had nothing to gain and had come because I wanted to give. But for some reason, I was not provoked. Instead, I kept hearing her say, "You don't really care!" And I kept asking myself, "Do you care?" All the external actions said I did, but did I? Was I here in some way of a professional way of doing my duty? Was I here because the community expected our church to minister to people like this? Did I come because some of our people had called it to my attention and I felt like they thought I should go? Did I come to give some groceries and a few clothes and get it over with? Or had I come because I could see Christ in need and as I ministered to this family I would be ministering to Christ? I was so confused I really was not certain why I had come. Maybe she was right. Maybe I just thought I cared when I really did not. I breathed a prayer asking the Lord to understand me and to forgive me if I had been wrong in my attitude.

But there was one thing that was clear and positive to me. Christ cared. Whatever the condition of the family and whatever it was that caused it, Christ cared. He cared so much that He died for that woman and for every member of her family. He wanted to provide salvation for each of them. And if they would open their hearts to Him, He would provide that salvation. They may never do that. They may go through life and on into eternity without accepting Him as Saviour. But they can never honestly say that He does not care. And ultimately when they stand before Him in the judgment, He can point to the scars of the crucifixion and say I cared that much. The proof is there. If any person is turned away, it will not be because Christ did not care, but because that individual refused to respond to God's deep concern.

low priority" at federal, state and local levels, the report said. Gifted children were identified as those who show special achievement or potential in general intellectual ability, specific academic aptitude, creative or productive thinking, leadership ability, visual and performing arts or muscular control. — (Nashville Tennessean, 11-22-71)

I've decided several things about Christmas. First, it is always a busy time — neither days nor nights are long enough. Into the same category fall tempers — they get short, too. Second, it is a frustrating time — people are not easy to please. Waiting to see how carefully bought or made gifts will be received puts an edge on feelings. Being sure holiday plans suit all three families — his, hers, and theirs — takes a bit of care.

Third, it's an exhausting time — shopping, cooking, excited children out of school, parties, guests, cards, all kinds of drains on physical, mental, and emotional energies. Fourth, it's a joyful time — for all the reasons you can name.

Fifth, just as festive times enhance happy feelings, they also sharpen sadness. In most hearts there is at least a bit of sadness which the breath of Christmas blows upon and brightens as my breath brightens the coals in my fireplace when I blow on them.

Somewhat the weather seems colder during Christmas days — bleak housing is harder to heat, scant food seems scarier and more tasteless, worn clothes and shoes seem thinner; family in other towns without money to get home seems farther away; hospital bills seem more ominous; and Christmas seems worse at Christmas.

Maybe your life style makes you immune to such variables as weather, hunger, and distance. For you the breath of Christmas blows on coals of much and plenty, lighting your days with joy and making it difficult for you to believe that everyone else is not equally warm and full and near the ones they love.

But they've not, and there's still time for your family to change the sharpened sadness of another family to a mellowed gladness by stabilizing for them some troublesome variable. Simply writing a check or sending a gift may relieve their stress, but there is nothing quite like personal contact for both the giver and receiver.

The children in your family will understand poverty of home and heart only when they see it; they should see it for at least three reasons — first, to know it exists; second, to see how it looks; third, to see that home's not so bad, all things considered. Why not go, as a family, to take your gift, and give a bit of yourself along with it?

Jesus said that the things we do for others in His name we do for Him, and after all, it is His birthday.

The problem is that it is so easy now to chip in five dollars apiece and give an electric water fountain, that we're losing the joy of seeing the grateful look in eyes while hands receive a cup of water we hand to them.

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#### NEWEST BOOKS

**THE JODY OF THE HOUSE** by Jody. The Jody of this book represents thousands of Christian young people in colleges and universities. When Jody left for college, her Sunday school teacher invited her to write him and share her experiences in the unfamiliar new environment — and promised to answer each letter. In this book, we read over Jody's shoulder as she receives Dr. Blake's replies to her frank communications and questions about situations she faces at the university.

**36 YEARS A WATCH-TOWER SLAVE** by William J. Schnell (Baker, paper, 192 pp., \$1.25) New, inexpensive, abridged edition of the shocking confessions of a converted Jehovah's Witness. Free after thirty years of enslavement in one of the most totalitarian systems of the twentieth century. Mr. Schnell determined with the help of God to reveal to the world the inner workings of the Watchtower Society. The result was this significant and entrancing book, which sold fifteen large printings in hardcover edition.

**THE CRISTIAN'S HANDBOOK OF PSYCHIATRY** by O. Quentin Hyder, M.D. (Fleming H. Revel, 192 pp., \$4.95) The relation of personal faith to mental health — and how the Christian can recognize, understand, and deal with emotional disorder in himself and those around him.

**MAN IN TRANSITION** by Gary Collins (Creation House, 203 pp., \$4.95) This is first in a series of helpful handbooks by a practicing and teaching psychologist for church leaders. The author traces man in his development from infancy to adulthood, indicating the characteristics of each stage and how the Christian worker can best minister to people caught up in stresses encountered through life.

**FREE TO BE ME** by Bill G. West (Word Books, 140 pp., \$3.95) What do you do with your hang-ups? Learning to cope with them frees us to find life on its highest plane. "Religion is one way to run from a hang-up," says Bill West — but he adds that "a personal relationship with Jesus gives one the power to deal with hang-ups." The author is a Texas Baptist pastor.

**WHERE ARE YOU GOING, JESUS?** by R. Eugene Sterner (Warner Press, paper, 208 pp., \$2.50) Not content merely to test the winds of the times, this book starts a few breezes of its own — breezes of hope and

insight that Jesus would not hide away from reality in some mountain retreat. Dr. Sterner insists that Christ would be in the midst of unrest, tension, upheaval. But he would be there as reconciler, healer, inspirer, redeemer. Suggested Scripture readings precede each chapter.

**SUKI AND THE WONDER STAR** by Joyce Blackburn (Word Books, \$2.95) This is the last of a series of four children's books about Suki. The girl, Suki, makes the wonderful discovery that God loves all of us the same.

**A STUDY GUIDE TO "DISCERN THESE TIMES"** by S. I. McMillen (Fleming H. Revel, paper, \$2.95) This guide to Dr. McMillen's commentary on the Book of Revelation, "Discern These Times," provides insight for the serious student. Dr. McMillen wrote "None of These Diseases."

**THE NIGHT OF THE CHILD, A Christmas Story** by Luise Fulcamp, Jr., illustrated by Dorothy Teichman (Word Books, \$1.50, 39 pp.) Here, beautifully illustrated, in simple but tasteful verse, is the Christmas story presented so that it can be read silently, or aloud, by one person or by a group with different individuals portraying the various characters. Readers of all ages can themselves experience the wonder and awe of being part of the familiar drama.

**LIKE A MIGHTY WIND** by Mel Tari as told to Cliff Dudley (Creation House, 161 pp., \$3.95) Miracles are happening today in Indonesia. When Stanley Mooneyham, vice president of international relations for the Billy Graham Evangelist Association reported on the miracles, he said, "What the Holy Spirit is doing in Indonesia today is more like another chapter added to the Book of Acts than anything else." This new book tells the amazing experiences of Mel Tari, young Indonesian Christian, age 24.

**STUDYING ADULT LIFE AND WORK LESSONS** by Herschel H. Hobbs, January-March, 1972 (Convention Press, paper, 118 pp., \$1.50) This book contains expository treatment of each Life and Work lesson for the first quarter of 1972.

**YOU SHALL RECEIVE** by George Otis (Bible Voice, Inc. Box 3521, Van Nuys, Calif., paper, 38 pp., \$1) A book on receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The author shares his experiences in the Lord and what he believes to be the Scriptural basis and authority for these experiences.



## Broadmoor Talks Via Telephone With Missionaries On The Field



DR. DAVID GRANT, pastor, Broadmoor, Jackson, talks to a missionary in another country, by telephone. By special amplification, the congregation listens in. The Broadmoor goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$11,000.

"I'm reading by candlelight because we're in a blackout," said Miss Geri Sullivan, Southern Baptist Journeyman to Bangalore, India. Missions come alive when you can talk to people that are there. On this premise, Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, made a suggestion to his church. "Let's talk via telephone to missionaries on the field." From this idea to reality was but a short time.

In the past two weeks the worshippers in Broadmoor's congregation have been able to hear, by special amplification, live telephone conver-

sations between the pastor and missionaries in India, Italy, Spain, and the Gaza Strip. It was also meaningful because each of these missionaries has some connection with the church. Miss Geri Sullivan grew up in the church, and her family, the James Sullivans of 4348 Childress Dr., Jackson, are active in all facets of the church today. The John Merritts of Milan, Italy, occupied the missionary house provided for furloughing missionaries by Broadmoor during 1969. Dr. and Mrs. McGlamery, medical missionaries to the Gaza Strip, are the parents of Mrs. Van Williams, wife of one of Broadmoor's deacons.

of 1532 Sheffield; Jackson. The Charles Whittens in Spain are native Mississippians and close friends of many of the Broadmoor people.

This innovative idea was greatly aided by Mrs. Pearl Wymmer, a chief operator with the telephone company and faithful member of Broadmoor. During this time of special emphasis on foreign missions, the people of Broadmoor feel that they know what's going on "where the action is." All of this is to help show the needs around the world, and to encourage giving to the "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions." Broadmoor's goal this year is \$11,000.

### Books For Carey

SPEECH AND DRAMA BOOKS FOR CAREY have come in large numbers from a former student, Dr. Katherine Boyd, now professor at Alpine, Texas for Sul Ross State College. Dr. Boyd, a former Mississippian and a graduate of Carey in 1930 (when it was named Mississippi Woman's College) has also stated that her entire library has been willed to William Carey College. Dr. Boyd's large current book donation is in keeping with the 1971 Alumni Drive for Library Development. Shown looking over the books are, from left: Brenda Draughn, Petal; Debbie Cook, Dallas, Texas; and Charles Ernest of Mobile. All three are speech and theater majors at Carey.

### "Home Life" Editor

#### Announces Retirement

NASHVILLE (BP)—Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life magazine since its first issue in 1947, will retire Oct. 1, 1972, to preach, write and counsel on marriage and family life.

Before assuming his position with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in 1946, Burton was for 10 years secretary of education for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. He also was editor of Southern Baptist Home Missions, its monthly periodical.

He has held pastorates in Texas, Georgia and Tennessee, and was recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1947-1965.

Recipient of a Lambda Lambda Lambda citation for outstanding service in religious journalism, Burton is the author of six books on missions and family life. He has been listed since 1952 in Who's Who in America. He holds the doctor of divinity degree, conferred on him by his alma mater, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

### Annuity Board Offers

#### Income Tax Booklets

DALLAS — The Southern Baptist Annuity Board once again is offering ordained ministers copies of the "Minister's Guide for 1971 Income Tax."

It is the eleventh consecutive year the Board has offered the guide, designed to help the minister whose income is primarily from salary and fees from ministerial activities.

Due to a limited supply, copies of the booklet are available on a first come, first served basis. Address requests to: "Minister's Income Tax Guide," P.O. Box 26, SBC, 601 North Main Building, Room 315, Dallas, Texas 75201.

Be sure to include the Zip Code with your return address!

### Hospital Given Clothes Dryer

A clothes dryer for psychiatric patients at Mississippi Baptist Hospital has been presented to the hospital by the members of the Eliza Pillars Nurses Club.

The organization, named for the first black graduate of the Gilfof School of Nursing at the hospital, is made up of 27 Registered Nurses, including Gilfof graduates and others.

Mrs. Geraldine Wilson, R.N., one of the four club members working at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, presented a check for the dryer to hospital administrator Paul J. Pryor.

Mrs. Wilson, a 16-year employee at the hospital, said the check represents funds raised through the club's annual party. She added:

"This party represents only one of several projects, including a party for Whitfield patients each Christmas and projects in past years for scholarships to Gilfof students."

"We have given eight radios to University Hospital and a record player to Veterans Administration Hospital and over \$200 to the arthritic fund at University Medical Center."



Paul J. Pryor, administrator, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, accepts a check from Mrs. Geraldine Wilson, of the Eliza Pillars Nurses Club, for a clothes dryer for hospital patients.

ISRAEL: Baptists played a major role in the 15th annual conference of the United Christian Council in Israel, which met Nov. 1-3 in Tiberias. Fifteen of the 76 delegates and observers were Baptists. The council is a voluntary society of individual Christians for the promotion of fellowship and cooperation in Israel.

## New Mexico Mission Relates Recreation, Evangelism

By James Evans McReynolds

EAGLE NEST, N. M. — For more than 10 years, college students serving as student mission personnel in the Northeastern Association of New Mexico, have gone back to the campus with slides of a 20 foot by 24 foot dilapidated building.

Nearly every year they have gone home to tell how they started a mission at Eagle Nest, a resort community in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

However, as winter came, the few permanent residents that were reached during the summer by enthusiastic college students either moved away or lost interest in the struggling mission program.

Thus the next year's crop of student missions personnel would come to the community and again find no Baptist witness, but some new residents interested in starting a mission at Eagle Nest.

In May 1968, Coy Finley and his wife arrived in Eagle Nest. They sought and received a pastoral supplement from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Discouraged in the beginning, Finley had come from the pastorate of Highland Baptist Church in Amarillo, Tex. to find only four persons interested in establishing a Christian ministry in the resort community.

Finley discovered an opportunity for Christ in a community problem. The local community recreation center had been closed because of disagreements. The nearest movie house was more than 25 miles away. Youth in the community had nothing to do.

"We reasoned that by sponsoring the center ourselves, we could control the kind of recreation the youth participated in and could put a Christian witness into this ministry," Finley said.

He began with Friday night fellowships in his front yard. Children, youth and young adults began to come to his home for weekly periods of recreation.

"We made a ground rule that we would have a Bible study at each recreation period. After a month we were giving the gospel to about thirty people each week," Finley stated.

"After a year we were holding the fellowships in the community center. We phased the recreation into Sunday activities," he added.

As fall came to the Eagle Nest valley, good problems arrived. The Sunday School grew to an enrollment of 64. Preaching services lasted through the winter with 45 to 55 each Sunday in attendance. As the next summer rolled around, 75 to 125 persons were attending Sunday School. The center was crowded.

For the first time in history, Eagle Nest Baptist Mission had continuous worship and Sunday School, Sunday night and church training activities for an entire year.

People from all over the valley began to talk about the work at Eagle Nest. A stable congregation, strengthened finances and the success of the first year led the mission to build a \$35,000 building for teaching the Bible.

### At Baptist Hospital

## Husband-Wife Team—A "Designing Couple"

Roald Olson and his wife are a designing couple at Mississippi Baptist Hospital. In a basement office cluttered with drawings and floor plans, Mr. Olson is working on designs for a brand-new Mississippi Baptist Hospital scheduled for ground-breaking next year. And in another office not far away, Margaret Olson is designing special diets for men and women referred to the hospital's dietary department by physicians.

Mr. Olson is with Ellerbe Architects, of St. Paul, the prime architects for a new 600-bed hospital which will cost an estimated \$25,000,000.

Mrs. Olson, mother of a four-year-old girl and a year-old boy, has specialized in therapeutic diets for 15 years in some of this country's largest cities. Her career as a therapeutic and teaching dietitian has included tours of duty in Spokane, San Francisco, Rochester, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and now Jackson. She has taught diabetic outpatients and has worked as a dietitian for medical specialists in diabetes, cardiology and allergies, and she has taught dietetic in-

ter, preaching and recreational activities.

Through the help of other local churches, associational mission funds, Finley's appointment as an associate missionary by the Home Mission Board, Eagle Nest Baptist Mission has almost reached its goal of becoming a self-supporting church with a ministry to the resorts in the area.

This fall Finley led a study of the Witness Involvement Now (WIN) materials, which were produced by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He has had 45 persons involved in this soul-winning training.

"Recreation related to evangelism was certainly the secret to this ministry," Finley pointed out.

"The people were hungry for rec-

reation. We were hungry to reach them for Christ. God put the two 'hungers' together and began to reach this community."

Finley tries to make good use of his building which is called an evangelistic center. He has Children's Day on Tuesdays, involving children in Bible and recreational activities. A coffeehouse is provided on Friday nights for Youth Action Night. On Sunday evenings, especially during the warm summer months, open-air worship is held in the Cimarron Canyon. Boys and girls mission groups and special music training program is also part of the mission's witness.

The faith and work of one man, Coy Finley, who linked recreation with evangelism, has resulted in a stable growing community of Christians. With this kind of enthusiasm chances are the witness will continue for many years to come.



Mrs. Roald Olson advises a patient regarding a specialized diet.

terms. "One purpose of teaching," according to Mrs. Olson, "is to change behaviors or habits when necessary, and this includes changing eating habits in order to preserve and protect health." She is a dietitian and a consultant service, and Mrs. Olson sees this as an important function of a large hospital.

"It's the function of going out into the community and treating patients so that hospitalization will not be necessary, and dietary consultation certainly fulfills this function."

A native of North Dakota, Mrs. Olson got her degree in dietetics in Fargo, N.D., at North Dakota State University. She did her dietetic internship at the University of Minnesota Hospitals in Minneapolis and got her Master of Arts degree in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota, also in Minneapolis.

At Mississippi Baptist Hospital, she works as a member of a team which includes three other registered dietitians, Mrs. Betty Burnett, director of dietetics for the hospital; Mrs. Sally Townsend, and Mrs. Martha Magee.

"Thus far," said Mrs. Burnett, "the new dietary consultation service has had a good response from physicians, and they are referring numerous cases to us." The consultation is available to patients in the hospital, weight-control diets, ulcer diets, bland diets, low-residue diets and a variety of other conditions.

## Names In The News

Kathleen Roberts, Mississippian native who has currently appeared as a lead soprano in a German opera house, was featured on "A Conversation with Kathleen Roberts," Tuesday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 8, over the Mississippi Educational Television network. Miss Roberts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roberts of Jackson. Her father is Mississippi representative for the Southern Baptist Annuity Board.



THESE MEN, who form the Board of Ministerial Education of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, met at Mississippi College in Clinton recently to elect new officers and formulate plans for the new year. From left: W. E. Strange, Clinton; Dr. E. R. Pinson, Clinton; Rev. Bobby Burress, Blue Mountain; Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton; Rev. Paul Brown, Newton; Rev. Roy Clark, Forest; E. L. Stanford, Jackson; and Rev. Cliff Estes, Newton. Not pictured are Dr. Don Stewart, Hattiesburg; and Rev. Bill Mitchell, Hattiesburg. The group elected E. R. Pinson president, W. E. Strange, secretary-treasurer, and Paul Brown vice-president. (MC Photo by Bill Strange)

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel G. Rankin, missionaries on furlough from Hong Kong, may now be addressed at Apt. 6, Foreign Mission Board, SBC, P. O. Box 6597, Richmond, Va. 23230. Dr. Rankin is a native of Sandy Hook, Miss., and Mrs. Rankin is the former Miriam Thomas of Fairfax, S.C.

Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts at Mississippi College, served as national toastmaster for the seventh consecutive year for the annual banquet of the National Association of Schools of Music held in Boston, Mass. Dr. Lyall represented Mississippi College at the 47th annual meeting. The college has been a member of NASM since 1959.



Dr. L. E. Green (second from right), retired Mississippi Baptist leader, and Rev. George Lee (right), a Mississippi Baptist superintendent of Missions, were special guests at the recent dedication of the Mary Alice (Mae) Kearns Lee Library and Archives facility located in the Louisiana Baptist Convention Building in Alexandria. With the two Mississippi leaders are Mrs. Susan Drummond, mother of Mae Lee who died in 1965, and Dr. Robert L. Lee, executive-secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Dr. Green delivered the dedicatory address for the opening of the new library.

Rev. Gary B. Shows has accepted the position of minister of music and youth at New Palestine Church, Pica-yune, according to Rev. O. S. "Bud" White-scarver, pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Shows have recently moved into the home provided by the church for its music and youth minister. They came from Petal, where Mr. Shows was in a similar position with First Church. Mr. Shows received his bachelor's degree in church music from William Carey College last May. He is an ordained minister and plans to continue his education in future months at New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. B. F. Smith of the William Carey College faculty will be listed in the 1972-73 edition of the Dictionary of International Biography.

J. D. (Sonny) Dennis, 27, joined the staff of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, N. C., as an officer in public relations, communications and news, effective Nov. 22. For the past three years, the Troy, Ala., native has been assistant to the director of public relations at the Baptist Sunday School Board, the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas.—(BP Photo)

Rev. Joel P. Hilbun recently became pastor of Victoria Church, Baton Rouge, La. A native Mississippian, he is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hilbun of Soso. He is married to the former Lurline Martin and they have three children. Mr. Hilbun went to Baton Rouge from First Church, Gueydan, La., where he had been pastor for fourteen years. He was formerly pastor of Center Ridge Church, Carmichael, Mississippi.



Cindy Boyd of Memphis, right, recently entertained two Corinth high school students on the campus of Blue Mountain College. She introduced them to the college business manager, D. H. Guyton, seated at his desk, and to the college president, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, standing at left. The Corinth guests were Eva Harland, second from left, and Vicki Franks, second from right.



A highlight of the 1971 Homecoming activities on Dec. 4, at William Carey College was the recognition of newly appointed missionaries to Argentina, Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Hood, above right. The Hoods were presented to the guests at the annual Homecoming luncheon and a special dedicatory prayer was offered by a former classmate, Rev. George Burge, pastor of First Church, Sumrall. Mr. Hood has been serving for the past four years as pastor of Raleigh Church. The Hoods are both 1963 graduates of William Carey College. Mrs. Hood is the former Sue Bates of Pascagoula and her husband is a native of Ellisville.



The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received through November 30 with 874 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$116,399.36.

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# The Angels Bring Good News Of Great Joy

By Clifton J. Allen  
Lake 1:24-25; 2:1-30

We sing the words of the carol, "Joy to the world! the Lord is come." We do this because something really



happened: Jesus Christ was born! His birth marked the beginning of a new epoch in God's redemptive work and a new epoch in the history of mankind. All that had transpired up to this point in the story of God and his people was a prologue to the coming of God in Christ to save his people from their sins. In the account of the annunciation, the emphasis is on the miraculous concept by the Holy Spirit. In the account of Jesus' birth, the emphasis is on the humble setting of the divine event and on the good news of great joy because of the coming of the Savior. This lesson is much more than a Christmas lesson; it declares the fact and significance of the incarnation.

The Lesson Explained  
The World Setting  
Verses 1-5

Jesus was born into a very human world. Luke mentions some details which are not easily identifiable. The important purpose of Luke in referring to the census — and it was a census rather than a specific taxing — was to stress the situation that required Joseph to return to Bethlehem, his ancestral city, since he was of the lineage of David. People were registered according to families. Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, accompanied him, which clearly means that betrothal had merged into marriage, though — as Matthew tells us — Joseph "knew her not until she had brought forth her firstborn son" (1:25). Jesus was born into a very real world. It was a world of government, censuses, taxation, travel, and struggle — a world of human experience. It was a sinful world, a lost world, a world of desperate need of the saving grace and saving power of God in Christ.

The Virgin Birth  
Verses 6-7

The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, some eighty miles, must have been exceedingly difficult for Mary. Soon after she and Joseph reached Bethlehem, the time came for her delivery. "She brought forth her firstborn son." We can try to imagine something of the miracle and wonder and eternal meaning of an event which is at the center of human history. Mary had been chosen as the human agent through whom the Son of God would become flesh on earth. The little inn in Bethlehem was too crowded to allow either room or privacy in the common room where travelers slept. There was no alternative but to seek a place in a stable attached to the inn; here the newborn baby was laid in a manger. There was no pomp or splendor. There was no germless bed. There was no family celebration. Jesus was identifying with humanity, irrespective of rank or station, without division or class, the common people, all the people of the world.

The Witness Of Heaven  
Verses 8-14

Jesus' birth was announced by an angel of the Lord to shepherds in the field near Bethlehem. At the time, shepherds were regarded as a despised group. Due to their vocation, it was impossible for them to observe religious rituals and requirements. The angel of the Lord appeared to the humble shepherds, suddenly enveloped in the very glory of the Lord, dispelled their fear, and declared the "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." The Messiah promised to Israel had come. The Savior had come to bring the blessing of salvation. And suddenly, a multitude of heavenly beings joined the angel in an anthem of praise, praising God for the greatness of his doing and declaring the peace of God for people chosen of God and willing to become believers in Christ and men of good will. Jesus was indeed the hope of peace between man and God and between man and man.

Truths to Live By

The coming of Christ calls for timeless celebration. — All that we do to celebrate Christmas should be in harmony with the meaning and significance of God's revelation in his Son. But the incarnation of Jesus is in no sense seasonal. It is too universal, too timeless, too stupendous, too central in God's plan of the ages, to be restricted to one season. We are to remember the coming of Christ at all seasons, on all occasions, for he is both the center and capstone of all history. Had he not come, we would have no basis of celebration of anything at any time. But because he came, we know something of the compassion and concern of God for all people everywhere and his concern that the joy of his salvation be known in all the earth.

The good news can overcome the bad news. — Through television, radio, newspaper, and conversation, the bad news is ringing out around the world. The conclusion reached by many persons is that war is inevitable, crime and violence and lust and brutality will grow worse and worse, and the human situation is one of futility and meaninglessness. But we have good news in Jesus Christ. He came to earth as the expression of God's eternal purpose to redeem the world from sin.

Praise is due the Lord. — What person of sensitive spirit who has ever heard Handel's magnificent Messiah can ever forget the inspiration of the hallelujahs?

## Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

# Jesus Called Disciples That They Might Serve Him

Luke 10:1-42  
By Bill Duncan

Jack Ricks Noffsinger tells of a young person at Ridgcrest one summer who told him, "By the grace of



God, I am now a much better person than I used to be. I suppose in comparison to the awful life I used to lead, I might even say that I am good in my living now. But I keep asking myself if I am good for nothing.

What service am I giving in a world like this? Am I helping anyone else to become a real Christian? Am I trying to right any of the wrongs I see about me every day? Am I really a witness to the saving grace and love of Jesus, or am I just a church member, glad I'm saved but not really even trying to do anything useful to bring others into the Christian

cause?" This young person asked the question that many others should be asking. So, you are saved. What are you doing? What kind of person are you becoming, to share this way in Christ — this way to live, to love, to help those you meet every day?

Jesus called ordinary people to be his disciples and then he trained them. The purpose of the call and training was that they might serve him. But the way to serve Christ was by serving as a missionary into the world.

Today we see people who are called disciples of Christ but do not follow the instructions of the Lord. Some shut themselves off from the world and foster an ingroup ethic which avoids every possible contact with the world. Some have embraced their culture and have absorbed features of their society. Between these two extremes is the approach that the disciple of the Lord is to go into the world and serve in the spirit and purpose of Christ but not become changed like into the cultural currents.

As the Seventy  
The modern disciples are called to serve as the seventy were called in Jesus' day. Some see this as a symbol of the call to serve in all the world. Whether one serves at home or abroad, with a friend or a stranger, the Christian approach and message is the same. Jesus sent these out as witnesses by two because the arrangement provided both courage and companionship. They were to go before Jesus Christ. The task is always greater than the laborers can meet. Despite the need to serve, there is always a need to be equipped for the task.

Before Jesus sent the seventy forth, He gave certain instructions. (1) There was always the danger of discipleship. Opposition would have its toll. If they would look for it, then it would not be so sharp. (2) There was an urgency in their task, so they were warned against delay. (3) There was no provision of security as a disciple. (4) There was the admonishing to minister where they could and where they could not, move on. God would take care of the reactors. Their purpose was clear as a witness and there was no time for social life that was not redemptive. If any rejected them, they would be rejecting Jesus. The person who would serve under the call of Jesus in our day must remember these instructions: (1) The servant of the Lord must not clutter up his desires with material things. Dr. Johnson said, "These are the things that make it difficult to die." (2) The servant must concentrate on his task. (3) A person must not be a Christian for what he can get out of it. We are to give, not to get. (4) We

need to make sure we explain what it means to receive God's gift of salvation and what it means to reject the gift.

The joy of the seventy caused Jesus to rejoice. Dr. Hobbs says that nowhere else is the statement made about Jesus that he exulted in the Holy Spirit as he did then. These seventy had gone out and their minds had been opened to the revelation of discipleship. Their joy called for greater blessings from the Lord.

There is no comparison to the joy of serving in Jesus' name to the world's joy of selfishness. A Christian's only true spirit of joy is to have the true spirit of Christ.

As the Samaritan  
This is perhaps the most famous of all the parables Jesus used in his teaching. A certain lawyer, trying to trap Jesus in a mistake, asked how he might inherit eternal life. Jesus did what we should do often in our attempts to witness to others. He asked him what he thought the answer to his question was. The lawyer replied with the truth every Jewish boy had learned from infancy. "We ought to love God with all our being and our neighbor as we love ourselves." But the lawyer knew that men defined "neighbor" in many different ways. Most Jews felt this meant: loving people who are my kind of people. So the lawyer asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus told the story of the man who was robbed while on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. A priest and a Levite came by and saw the man but did nothing to help him. Then, a Samaritan came by. Samaritans were Jews who had not been carried into Assyria as were so many Jews. Some of the Jews who were left at home intermarried with other national, religious, and social backgrounds. Their religious differences made the Jews of Jesus' day to have nothing to do with Samaritans. Yet it was the Samaritan that showed the true neighbor attitude. He bound up the robbed man's wounds, carried him to an inn and arranged for his continuing care. When the lawyer was asked who is the neighbor, he replied, "He that showed mercy on him. To summarize the truth of the story Jesus

said, "Go and do thou likewise." Jesus witnessed the way God wants us to treat any man we can help, regardless of who that man may be. This story teaches how persons deal with other persons in the Kingdom of God. There is no reason to mistake how one is to love other people in this world.

Jesus calls us to serve others in the spirit of one who loves God with all their heart and their neighbor as themselves. If one will serve others, Jesus said that he will be serving Him. A cup of cool water in the name of Christ is serving as a witness. But we cannot serve without a price. It cost to be a witness. "What is mine is thine and I will give it."

## Nesbit Church To Dedicate New Sanctuary

People at Nesbit Church are anxiously awaiting Sunday, Dec. 19, when their new 600-seat sanctuary will be opened for the first service.

Dr. R. G. Lee of Memphis will bring the dedication message at 11 a.m. J. B. Betts, music evangelist, will lead the music. The building will be open for inspection all day.

The pastor, Rev. H. S. Rogers, plans to return to the pulpit to preach the evening message. He is recovering from a recent heart attack.

The new sanctuary is the first unit of a three-unit church plant estimated to cost around \$200,000. A fellowship hall, kitchen, ladies' parlor, and two-story education building are in the planning stage. The church is located on a five-acre site north of Nesbit on Highway 51.

## Rankin S. S. Teacher Dies

Mrs. Emmett Ponder, Sunday school teacher at Cato Church, Rankin County, died a short time ago.

Members of Adult Ladies' Sunday School Class of Cato Church, wish to express their gratitude to God for the many years of faithful and inspiring Bible teachings of Mrs. Ponder, lovingly called "Miss Agnes."

She taught the class 20 years and inspired her class members to walk with Jesus. Her last plans included the purchasing of a commentary on this year's Sunday School lessons. During the last months that her health permitted her to teach, she had to sit while teaching. Her favorite scripture passage was the 91st Psalm.

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## New Prospect Calls Pastor

Rev. Ben C. Scarborough, for the past six years minister of music and education at First Church, Bruce, has accepted a call to become pastor of New Prospect Church in the Yacona Community in Lafayette County.

Before entering the field of music and education and coming to Mississippi in 1955, Mr. Scarborough served as pastor of Baptist churches in Georgia for seventeen years. In the music ministry he has served churches at Waynesboro, Kosciusko, and Bruce. His new address will be Box 50, Route 5, Oxford, Mississippi 38655.

## Retires After 27 Years As Church Secretary

First Church, Greenville recognized Mrs. Roy Wood with a reception on Sunday night, Dec. 5 following the evening service. The reception was given in recognition of twenty-seven years of dedicated service.

Mrs. Wood has served as church secretary during the ministry of two pastors, twenty years during the ministry of Dr. Perry Claxton who will also retire at the end of January, 1972. Mrs. Wood is well-known and well-loved not only by the members of the church but by the entire city of Greenville.

Her husband, who passed away in 1966, was a deacon in the church and was active in the music ministry for many years.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Wood will work part-time in the church kindergarten and will continue to teach an adult Sunday School class and serve as WMU Director.

**IVORY COAST:** About 200 persons are awaiting baptism following a series of evangelistic services in 19 Baptist churches. The baptisms will be the first in these churches in over three years, according to missionary press representative Jerlene Darnell. All of the candidates are Yorubas, Nigerian tribespeople who have settled in the Ivory Coast to engage in trading. Over the years they have established churches throughout the country.



Sign Contract For E. I. Farr Scholarship

W. E. Milner (seated), immediate past-president of the Jackson field chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, signs the contract formally establishing the Dr. Eugene I. Farr Scholarship at Mississippi College. Started less than a year ago, the fund has grown to over \$1800. Looking on, from the left, are Ovin C. Ray, Clinton High School principal; Shelton Hand, Director of Development at the college; Dr. Albert J. Comfort, Title I Director for State Department of Education; Jesse Lee Howell, Jackson Prep principal; C. L. Walker, Jackson Public Schools; Dr. Eugene I. Farr, the honoree; and E. L. Peritt, Pearl McLaurin principal. The scholarship will be given to male students seeking certification as teachers. Checks to the fund can be sent to Shelton Hand, Mississippi College, Clinton, Ms. 39056. (MC Photo by Bill Strange)



## Ruleville Sanctuary Is Debtfree

In 1963, a groundbreaking service was held for the construction of a new sanctuary for Ruleville Church. On Easter Sunday, 1964, the building was dedicated at a cost of \$221,634. As of November, 1971, this indebtedness has been paid in full, and on November 28, a note burning service was held.

Pictured are the present deacon chairman and the three living members of the building committee: left

to right, R. L. Hooper, Mrs. W. R. McShan; O. L. Cox; and Mrs. C. E. Bowden. Members of the committee who have died are: D. R. Burke, Mrs. W. R. Shelton, G. S. Stewart, and Dr. W. J. Lusk.

The Ruleville Baptist Church was organized in 1902 with 17 members. Pastor at that time was Rev. J. R. G. Hewlett. Present pastor is Rev. R. G. Gordon.

## Attala County Missionary To Retire

Attala County Association, in annual meeting, passed a resolution of appreciation, honoring their missionary, Rev. H. H. Ward.

Mr. Ward moved to Attala County nineteen years ago to assume responsibility of associational superintendent of missions. He plans to retire January 1, 1972.

"He has faithfully served in this capacity through the years when churches were in great need of spiritual leadership of his caliber, especially in the fields of Vacation Bible School work and leadership training for better Bible teaching and training," the resolution stated.

"He has worked without partiality to any church, or to any section of our association, or to any individual, always taking the role of a servant and never usurping authority, thus enhancing the cooperative spirit which has always characterized Southern Baptists.

"He has given a sympathetic ear to both pastors and laymen alike and has always manifested a deep concern for the spiritual welfare and physical growth of every church.

"He now shall assume a different role in life having reached the age of retirement, and we the Attala Baptist Association express our gratitude and thanks to Brother Ward for these years of service and labor of love.

## Horn Lake Calls Pastor

First Church, Horn Lake, has called Rev. Billy E. Roby, formerly pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg, as pastor. First Church, Horn Lake is in DeSoto Association near Southaven.

During the two, and one-half years Mr. Roby served the Bowmar Avenue Church, 181 persons were added by baptism and approximately 200 by letter and statement. Budget gifts increased approximately 30 percent and two buses were added to the ministry of the church. The Bowmar Avenue Church had recently given Mr. Roby a trip to the Holy Land which he hopes to take in the near future.

Mr. Roby began his ministry at First Church, Horn Lake on November 28.

## Christian Contemporary Singers, First, Long Beach, To Present 'Love'



Charles Red, minister of music and youth at First Church Long Beach, shown above with Otis Skillings, composer of the new youth musical "LOVE" was in Kansas City to see the world premier of the Musical, produced by the spurlows. The Long Beach Youth will be premiering the work, December 27-30 at 7:30 p.m.

December 27-30 the Christian Contemporary Singers will present "Love," young world musical, at First Church, Long Beach, at 7:30 p.m.

Lyrics of the hour-long musical, written by Otis Skillings, young author-composer, express the need for love in our world, how to find it, how to express it. Mr. Skillings says, "Love's the greatest power of all. There are so many problems in the world at work, at home, in school and all of society — but I believe that every one can be solved by LOVE."

The music combines contemporary sounds from the upbeat through soul-type to melodic. The Christian Contemporary Singers of First Church, Long Beach will be directed by Charles Red, Minister of Music. The accompaniment will include piano, three trumpets, 2 trombones, guitar, bass and drums. Admission is FREE.

Dr. Gail De Bord is Long Beach pastor.

## Calvary, Waynesboro Calls New Pastor

Rev. William B. Raley, native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has accepted the call to be pastor of Calvary Church, Waynesboro.

Mr. Raley moved to Waynesboro from First Church, Taylorville. Former pastorates include Den Church, Wayne Association, and West Salem Church, Greene Association.

Mr. Raley is a graduate of William Carey College and holds a Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Mrs. Raley is the former Martha Jean Butler of Birmingham, Alabama. She is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham.

The couple have two children, Bobby, 3 and Beth, one.

special event—the eighth anniversary of the present pastor, Rev. G. W. Smith. In appreciation for his years of service the membership presented the pastor and his family a generous love offering.

Those shown in the picture are, left to right, H. A. Findley, Ollie Stringfellow, and Rev. G. W. Smith. Mr. Findley and Mr. Stringfellow are two of the trustees who signed the note. Mr. Findley is also a charter member.

## Has Attended 50 Annual Meetings Of Monroe Association

The Monroe County Baptist Association in its 1971 annual meeting voted to honor J. N. Johnson for his having attended fifty annual meetings of that association. They decided to dedicate him.

Mr. Johnson, deacon and member of Splunge Church, Mr. Johnson attended his first associational meeting in 1912 at Bethlehem Church. That year, his father, Rev. N. E. Johnson, preached the associational sermon.

"Uncle Jake," as he is known, by family and friends, was converted in 1906 and has been a member of churches affiliated with Monroe County Baptist Association for 62 years. A charter member of Splunge Church, organized in 1921, he has served as deacon there for fifty years.

Mr. Johnson says he is a conservative Baptist. He loves "good Bible preaching," and he is a Southern Baptist "because of the Cooperative Program."

## Southern Baptist Assumes Duties For Regional Group

A former national staffman for the Home Mission Board, SBC, has assumed duties with the Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA) as its assistant director.

The new director, Rev. John B. McBride, a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, was associated with the Home Mission Board for five years, most recently as Associate Director of the Division of Associational Services.

McBride, who has a wife and four children, previously served as superintendent of missions to Jasper, Bolivar and Rankin Counties in Mississippi, and pastored Baptist churches in six cities in Louisiana and Mississippi.

CORA, based in Knoxville, Tennessee, serves 13 states from the lower portion of New York to the northern sections of Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia. It is located at 864 Weisgarber Road, Knoxville.



## Calvary, Greenville, Opens Library

CALVARY CHURCH, Greenville, has recently opened a church library. The dedication service and official opening ceremony were held on September 19. Pictured are Rev. Raymond Wilson, pastor of Calvary Church, Mrs. Henry Carlock, director of library services, and Jere Johnson, a frequent visitor to the library.



## Leaf River Burns Note

A noteburning ceremony was held at Leaf River Church, Covington County, on December 5. In photo at left, Pastor Harold Douglas is pictured with deacons M. F. Vaughn and James Speed during the ceremony.

The note was made to brick the building, add one Sunday School room, restrooms, stained glass windows, and central heating and cooling. The

## Off The Record

### New Tune

A young man was practicing his guitar in the small hours of the morning when the landlord came in. "Do you know what time it is?"

"No," answered the musician, "Hum a little of it."

A man was trying to hang a picture on the wall of his apartment. His doorbell rang. When he opened the door, there was his next-door neighbor.

"I'm sorry if my hammering bothered you," the man said. "I was hanging a picture."

"Oh, that's all right," the neighbor said. "I just wanted to know if it's all right to hang a picture on the other end of the nail."

Then there was the wife who said to her husband one day, "If you really loved me, you would have married some other woman."

"I sure feel like telling the boss where to get off again."

"What do you mean—again?"

"I felt like it yesterday, too."

## Shipboard Conversions Reported In Indonesia

BANDUNG, Indonesia (BP) — Unusual evangelistic response aboard the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise has been reported by R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Southeast Asia.

According to Parks, the Enterprise made two recent stops in Singapore. During the first visit, several Christians among the 5,000 crewmen made a prayer covenant with members of Singapore's International Baptist Church.

Within three weeks, 37 other men were converted and five were called to preach, so the seven praying sailors told their Baptist prayer partners in Singapore, Parks said.

cost for the improvements amounted to \$14,700. Contributions by friends, former and present members, enabled the church to pay all indebtedness within one year.

Leaf River was organized in 1828. The present building, shown above, remodeled, was constructed in 1940.

## Devotional

## The Holy Spirit In Christian Experience

By Harry Lee Spencer, Jackson

The two previous devotionals you will recall have been "The Holy Spirit In The Old Testament," and "Jesus Prepares His Disciples for The Holy Spirit." "The Holy Spirit In Christian Experience" is our concern this week. The Bible is a product of the Holy Spirit, inspired and em-



or sin. We are also told that when he cometh he will convince the world of sin. We who are saved were quickened by the Holy Spirit, who were dead in trespasses and in sins. He performs the miraculous work of regeneration in the experience of conversion. We are saved not by works of righteousness which we have done, but by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. We are a miraculous workmanship of God created in Christ Jesus. Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit will abide with us forever.

He will guide us into all truth. He will bring to our remembrance all things which he has commanded us. He will not speak of himself but will take the things of Christ and show them unto us. He will bear testimony with our spirits that we are saved and are the children of God. He will do an even more wonderful thing in our experience: He will shed abroad the love of God in our hearts.

Jesus tells us that he will help our infirmities, that he makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be uttered.

There are three forms of gifts in the Bible, God's gift of his son, the gift of eternal life, and third, spiritual gifts. These spiritual gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit. Paul said to Timothy, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee." The Holy Spirit also clothes the disciples of Jesus with all-sufficient power to carry out completely his Great Commission. He said, "Ye shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me to the ends of the earth, and to the end of time."

Finally, we are told that the Holy Spirit seals us unto the day of redemption which is now ready to be revealed. In order for us to realize all these blessings, we must not grieve the Holy Spirit and we must surrender our lives completely to him.



## Tate County Men Enjoy Steak Supper

Men of Tate Association met for a Brotherhood steak supper at First Church, Senatobia. Men from eight churches heard an address by Rev. E. L. Howell, of Jackson, director, Brotherhood Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Above, left to right, are Dr. Howard Carpenter, president of First, Senatobia, Brotherhood; Mr. Howell; Charles Atkins, vice-president of the Tate County Brotherhood; and Dr. John Flowers, pastor, First, Senatobia.